



Zoning Board of Appeals Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6:30pm

Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30046

- A. Call To Order, Pledge to Flag
- B. Opening Remarks by Chairman and Rules of Order
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Minutes April 10, 2024
- E. Announcements
- F. New Business

1. Case Number: **ZVR2024-00026**

Applicant: Dimension Development Partners, LLC

c/o Mahaffey Pickens Tucker, LLP

Owner: Hamilton Village LLC

Contact: Shane Lanham Phone Number: 770.232.0000

Zoning: C-2

Location: 2759 Hamilton Mill Road

Map Number: R1001 024B

Variance Requested: Exceed maximum parking

Commission District: (4) Holtkamp

2. Case Number: **ZVR2024-00034**

Applicant: Behnaz Motlagh
Owner: Jacob Sedgh
Contact: Behnaz Motlagh

Phone Number: 770.993.0200

Zoning: C-2 Location: 5370 Stone Mountain Highway

Map Number: R6061 023

Variance Requested: Additional ground sign

Commission District: (2) Ku

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3. Case Number:

Applicant/ Owner/Contact:

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Applicant:

Owner: Contact:

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R-140

2900 Still Meadows Way

R7180 038

Exceed maximum fence height

(4) Holtkamp

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Winston Simmonds c/o LJA Engineering

Excelsior Investment Holdings LLC

Tyler Lasser 470.202.9321

R-100

1906 Knight Circle

R4273 019

Minimum lot width reduction

(3) Watkins

- **G. OTHER BUSINESS**
- H. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- I. ADJOURNMENT

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CASE REPORT

Case Number: ZVR2024-00026

Request: Variance to exceed maximum parking

Address: 2759 Hamilton Mill Road

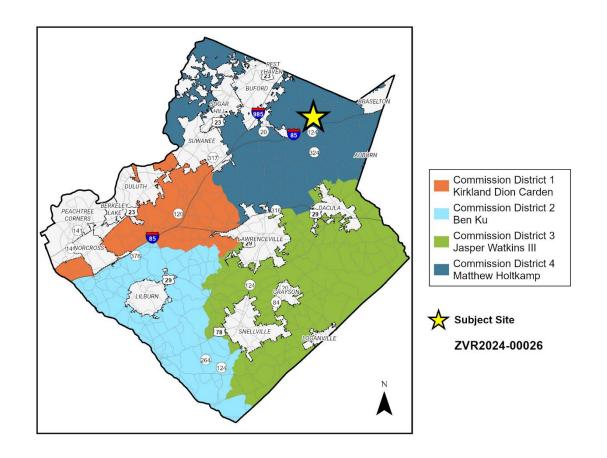
Map Number: R1001 024B
Site Area: 4.96 acres
Proposed Development: Retail Buildings

Applicant: Dimension Development Partners, LLC

Owner: Hamilton Village, LLC

Contact Information: Shane Lanham, 770.232.0000

Commission District: District 4 – Commissioner Holtkamp/Rumbaugh



Existing Site Conditions

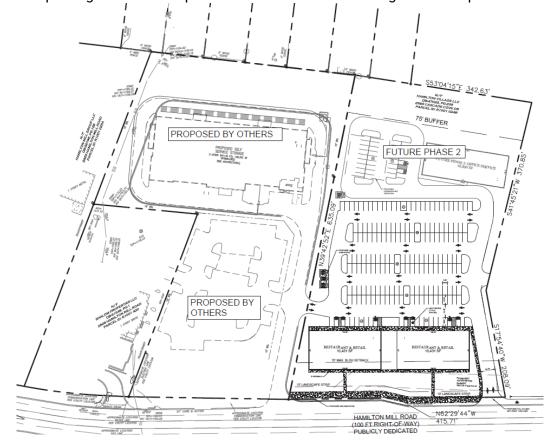
The subject site is a 4.96-acre property located on Hamilton Mill Road. The subject property is zoned C-2 (General Business District). The property is undeveloped with dense trees.



Project Summary

The applicant proposes retail buildings with parking lots including:

- Two 10,431 square foot restaurant and retail buildings adjacent to the road frontage with one access driveway to Hamilton Mill Road, for a total of 20,862 square feet.
- A 7-row parking lot with 188 spaces behind both retail buildings with interparcel access.





Variance Request

The applicant requests a variance from the following section of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to allow a parking lot to exceed the maximum allowable spaces.

Section 240-20.2 & Table 240.1: Maximum parking for retail use is 1 per 300 square feet.

Staff Recommended Conditions

Should the Zoning Board of Appeals choose to approve the variance request, staff recommends the following conditions of approval:

1. The parking lot shall be in general conformance with the site plan received March 14, 2024.

Exhibit: Application

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| Unified Development | Ordinance (UDO) Code Section(s) |) |
| Sign Ordinance Code | Section(s):NA | |
| Applicant Information | <u>on</u> : | |
| Name: Dimens | sion Development | Partners, LLC |
| Cantagr Barross, Sh | ane M Lanham of | Mahaffey Pickens Tucker, LLP |
| | 50 North Brown R | |
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| City, State, Zip Code: | awrencville, GA 3 | 0043 |
| Phone Number: 770 | 0-232-0000 | Email Address: slanham@mptlawfirm:com |
| | applicable): [] Property Owner [X |] Owner's Agent |
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| | rmation (if property owner is not | the applicant): |
| Name: Hamilton | n Village LLC | |
| Telephone Number:_ | (770) 778-9954 | Email Address: info@susconlic.com |
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| Signatures: | 7. (5(2) | 1 / Malling |
| Applicant Signature: | | Property Owner Signature: |
| Name of Applicant: | <u>Pavid Blass, Manage</u> | r Name of Property Owner: Charles Petrakopolous, Co- Manager |
| Date: 3/12 | 2024 | Date: 3:12.2024 |

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| Property Address: | Property Parcel ID: | |
| Variance(s) Requested: | | |
| Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Code Section(s |): | |
| Sign Ordinance Code Section(s): | | |
| Applicant Information: | | |
| Name: | | |
| Contact Person: | | |
| Mailing Address: | | |
| City, State, Zip Code: | | |
| Phone Number: | Email Address: | |
| Applicant is (check, if applicable): [] Property Owner [] Owner's Agent | | |
| <u>Property Owner Information</u> (if property owner is not | the applicant): | |
| Name: | | |
| | | |
| Telephone Number: | Email Address: | |
| Signatures: | | |
| Applicant Signature: Julia Maxwell | Property Owner Signature: | |
| Name of Applicant: Julia Maxwell, Attorney for Applicant | Name of Property Owner: | |
| Date: 3/14/2024 | Date: | |

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Standards for Granting Variances:

Responses to the following criteria must be submitted for each variance requested (attach additional sheets as needed). According to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), a variance shall not be granted unless evidence is presented supporting conclusions that the variance meets each of the following criteria:

| a. | Does the request arise from a condition that is unique and peculiar to the land, structures, and buildings involved? Please explain: Please see attached Letter of Intent. |
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| b. | Is the request necessary because the particular physical surroundings, the size, shape or topographical condition of the specific property involved result in an unnecessary hardship for the owner, lessee, or occupants; as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the provisions of Title 2 of the UDO are literally enforced? Please explain: Please see attached Letter of Intent. |
| C. | Is the condition requiring the requested relief not ordinarily found in properties of the same zoning district as the subject property? Please explain: Please see attached Letter of Intent. |
| d. | Is the request a result of conditions created by the regulations of Title 2 of the UDO and not by an action or actions of the property owner or the applicant? Please explain: Please see attached Letter of Intent. |
| e. | Would granting the variance impair or injure other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the subject property is located, or impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent property, substantially increase the congestion in the public streets, increase the danger of fire, create a hazard to air navigation, endanger the public safety, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood? Please explain: Please see attached Letter of Intent. |
| f. | Is the variance requested the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structures? Please explain: Please see attached Letter of Intent. |
| g. | Does the variance desired meet the general spirit and intent of Title 2 of the UDO and/or the purpose and intent of the Gwinnett County Unified Plan? Please explain: Please see attached Letter of Intent. |

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LETTER OF INTENT FOR VARIANCE APPLICATION

Mahaffey Pickens Tucker, LLP submits the attached variance application (the "Application") on behalf of Dimension Development Partners, LLC (the "Applicant"), relating to a proposed development of an approximately 4.87-acre parcel of land (the "Property") located along Hamilton Road. The Property is zoned C-2 and is located in the Highway 124/324/Hamilton Mill Road Overlay District.

The proposed development would include two approximately 10,431 square foot restaurant and retail buildings with one access driveway on Hamilton Mill Road. To accommodate the proposed development, the Applicant is requesting a variance from the requirements of the Gwinnett County Unified Development Ordinance (the "UDO"). Specifically, the Applicant is requesting the following variance:

1. UDO §240-20.2 (Table 240.1): a variance to increase the maximum number of parking spaces allowed for a non-free-standing restaurant from 1 space per 300 square feet of building area to 1 space per 100 square feet of building area. Based on the proposed building area of 20,862 square feet, the UDO would allow a maximum of 70 parking spaces. The requested variance would permit a maximum of 188 parking spaces for inline restaurant/retail use and, including the daycare facility parking, would have a total of 222 parking spaces.

The nature of the proposed restaurant and retail building use demands higher parking counts than are allowed by the UDO. Based on the proposed development's area of 20,862 square

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feet, the Applicant anticipates approximately 17,700 square feet to be restaurants and approximately 3,162 square feet to be retail space. Under a strict interpretation of the UDO, because the restaurant is not "free-standing" but is attached to a retail space, the amount of parking allowed is 1/3 of what would be allowed if the restaurant was "free-standing." In essence, a strict interpretation of the UDO would require the Applicant to increase the size of the proposed building by nearly 40,000 square feet in order to provide 188 parking spaces. Without relief, this arbitrary distinction will cause the Applicant to be unable to provide adequate parking for the potential businesses in the development. Further, restaurants experience a higher turnover in customers and allowing the Applicant to provide for a larger parking area would enhance safety for patrons walking to and from the restaurant and their vehicles. Furthermore, if allowed, the requested number of parking spaces will be located in the rear of the development and will not negatively impact the aesthetics or walkability of the area. Unnecessarily restricting the number of parking spaces will likely impact small businesses in Gwinnett County and keep non-chain restaurants from opening and/or remaining open.

The requested variance arises from conditions that are unique and peculiar to the land, structures, and buildings involved. The request is necessary because the particular physical surroundings, the size, shape or topographical condition of the specific property involved result in an unnecessary hardship for the owner, lessee, or occupants; as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the provisions of Title 2 of the UDO are literally enforced. The conditions requiring the requested relief are not ordinarily found in properties of the same zoning district as the subject property. The requests are the result of conditions created by the regulations of Title 2 of the UDO and not by an action or actions of the property owner or the Applicant. The arbitrary distinction between free-standing and inline restaurants found in Title 2 of the UDO is the cause

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of the conditions the Applicant requests a variance from. Granting the requested variances would

not impair or injure other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the subject

property is located, impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent property, substantially

increase the congestion in the public streets, increase the danger of fire, create a hazard to air

navigation, endanger the public safety, or substantially diminish or impair property values within

the neighborhood. The variance requested is the minimum variance that will make possible the

reasonable use of the land, building, or structures. Approval of the requested variance would

further the general spirit and intent of Title 2 of the UDO and/or the purpose and intent of the

Gwinnett County Unified Plan.

The Applicant welcomes the opportunity to meet with staff of the Gwinnett County

Planning and Development Department to answer any questions or to address any concerns

relating to the matters set forth in this letter or in the Application filed herewith. The Applicant

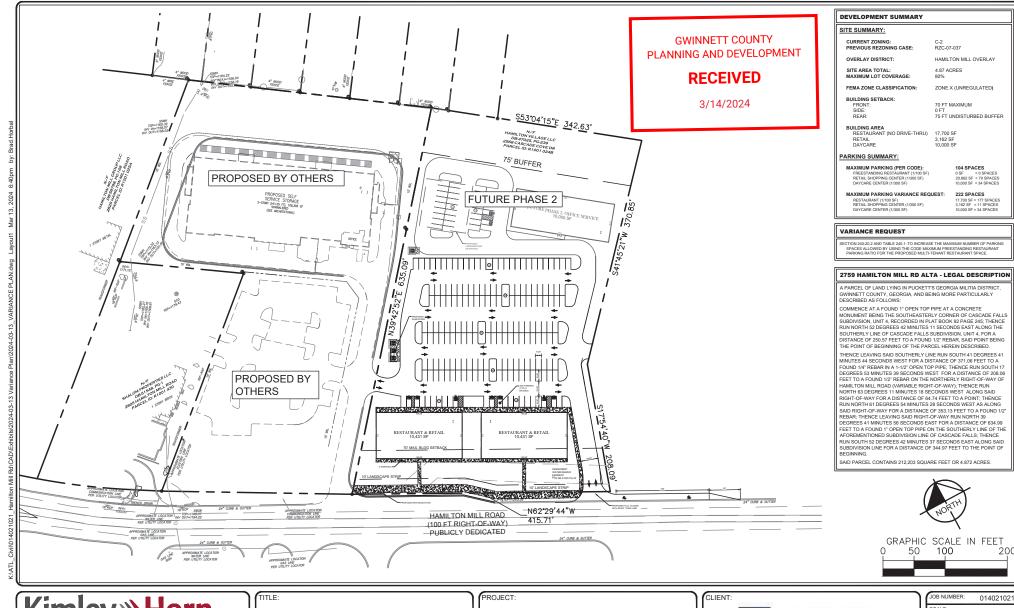
respectfully requests your approval of the Application.

This 14th day of March, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted, MAHAFFEY PICKENS TUCKER, LLP

Shane Lanham

Shane M. Lanham Attorneys for the Applicant



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VARIANCE PLAN

2759 HAMILTON MILL RD GWINNETT COUNTY, GA



JOB NUMBER: 014021021
SCALE: 1" = 100'
DATE: 03/13/2024
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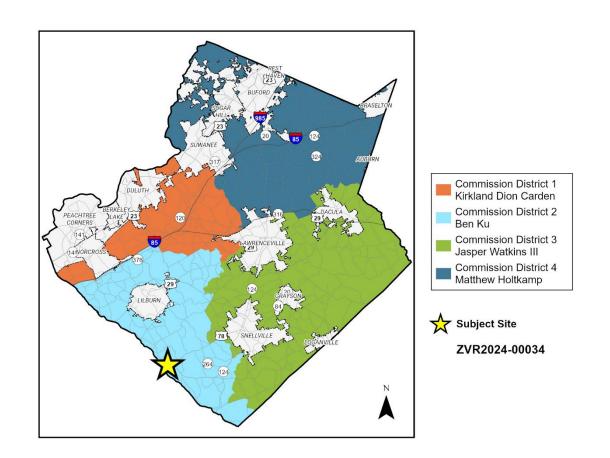
Request: Variance for a second primary ground sign

Address: 5370 Stone Mountain Highway

Map Number:R6061 023Site Area:38.64 acresProposed Development:Ground SignApplicant:Behnaz MotlaghOwner:Jacob Sedgh

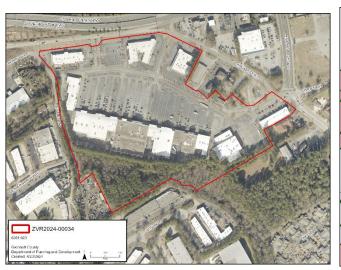
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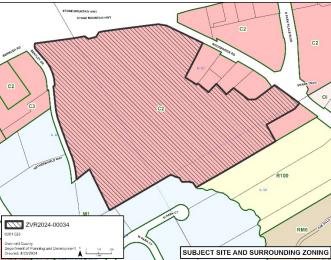
Commission District: District 2 – Commissioner Ku/Graham



Existing Site Conditions

The subject site is a 38.64-acre property located at the intersection of Stone Mountain Highway and Rockbridge Road. The subject property is zoned C-2 (General Business District). The property contains a one-story concrete and brick multi-tenant shopping center with several outparcel commercial buildings and large surface parking lot.



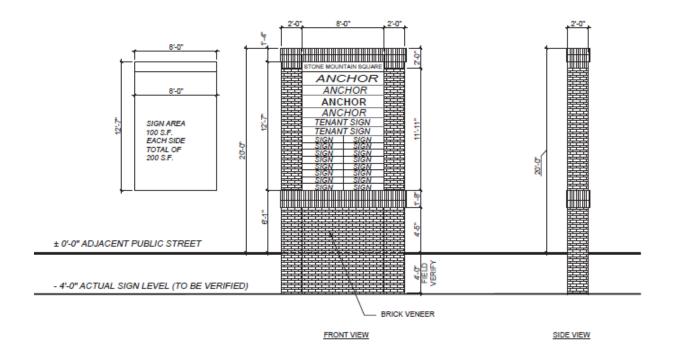


Project Summary

The applicant proposes a ground sign including:

• A 20-foot-tall, 10-foot-wide free standing brick sign with 24 businesses listed located at the intersection of Rockbridge Road and Stone Mountain Highway.





PROPOSED NEW SIGN - INTERSECTION OF ROCKBRIDG RD. & ROCKBRIDGE SW.



Variance Request

The applicant requests a variance from the following section of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to allow an additional primary ground sign.

Section 78-113A.5: One sign per road frontage not to exceed maximum allowable square footage.

Staff Recommended Conditions

Should the Zoning Board of Appeals choose to approve the variance request, staff recommends the following conditions of approval:

1. The ground sign and ground sign location shall be in general conformance with the site plan and sign elevation detail received April 16, 2024.

Exhibit: Application



Date: 02-06.2024

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VARIANCE APPLICATION

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Property Information: 5370 U.S. Hwy 78, Stone Mountain, Property Parcel ID: R6061 023 Property Address: Georgia - GA 30087 Variance(s) Requested: Secondary primary sign at the intersection of two road frontages Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Code Section(s):___ Sign Ordinance Code Section(s): **Applicant Information:** Name: Behnaz Motlagh Contact Person: Behnaz Motlagh Mailing Address: 135 Mansell Pl. Suite 304 City, State, Zip Code: Roswell, Ga. 30076 Email Address: bmotlagh@mimardesign.com Phone Number: 770-993-0200 Applicant is (check, if applicable): [] Property Owner [x] Owner's Agent **Property Owner Information** (if property owner is not the applicant): Name: Jacob Sedgh Telephone Number: 917-288-0049 Email Address: jsedgh1@hotmail.com Signatures: Applicant Signature: Behnaz Wotlagh Property Owner Signature: Name of Applicant:_Behnaz Motlagh

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Letter of Intent

March 11, 2024

Gwinnett County Planning & Zoning

Re: Stone Mountain Square Shopping Center Proposed new ground sign 5370 U.S. 78, Stone Mountain, Georgia - GA 30087

On Behalf of property Owner "Jacob Sedgh" With this letter of intent, we are requesting a variance from code section **78-113A.5**, for a new free-standing ground sign on this center.

Proposed sign would be 20' high 2' wide with 20' setback from property line. It's suggested location is at the intersection of two adjacent roads.

New Sign Material would consist of brick veneer to match the existing center, architectural brick soldier courses on top & middle. The actual proposed location is about 4' below the street level & which is considered in the new sign design.

There are 8 separate buildings with total of 332,437 sq. ft. of space & approx.. 55 tenants. Considering some of the tenants are anchor retailers such as Marshalls, Ross & Big lots and with many of other tenants, there is a certain lack of signage space which will make it difficult for Landlord to finalize the lease. 'Adding the fact that most of the buildings are approx. 750' away from road frontage which makes the wall signs problematic to capture view and attention of customers. Also, there are outparcels in front of the center which are blocking the view to center & wall signs.

The landlord is bringing many Anchor retailers and a lot of new retails, restaurants & activity to the center which is important for the health of this community.

Considering all these aspects, there is a genuine & actual need to have additional free- standing sign to the center to provide numerous tenant's signs.

This will help to revitalize the center and fulfil it with more tenants and livelihood of the area which in turn will bring more Tax to the county.

Phone: (770) 993-0200

Please let me know with any questions.

Respectfully

Behnaz D. Motlagh International Assoc. AIA

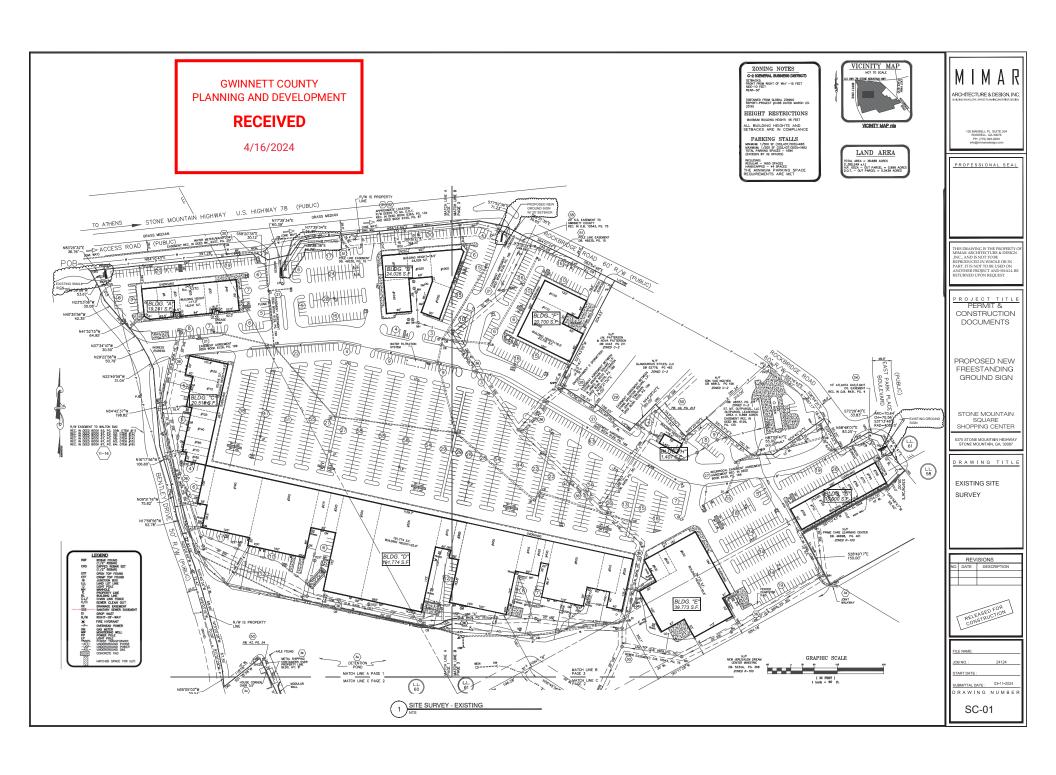
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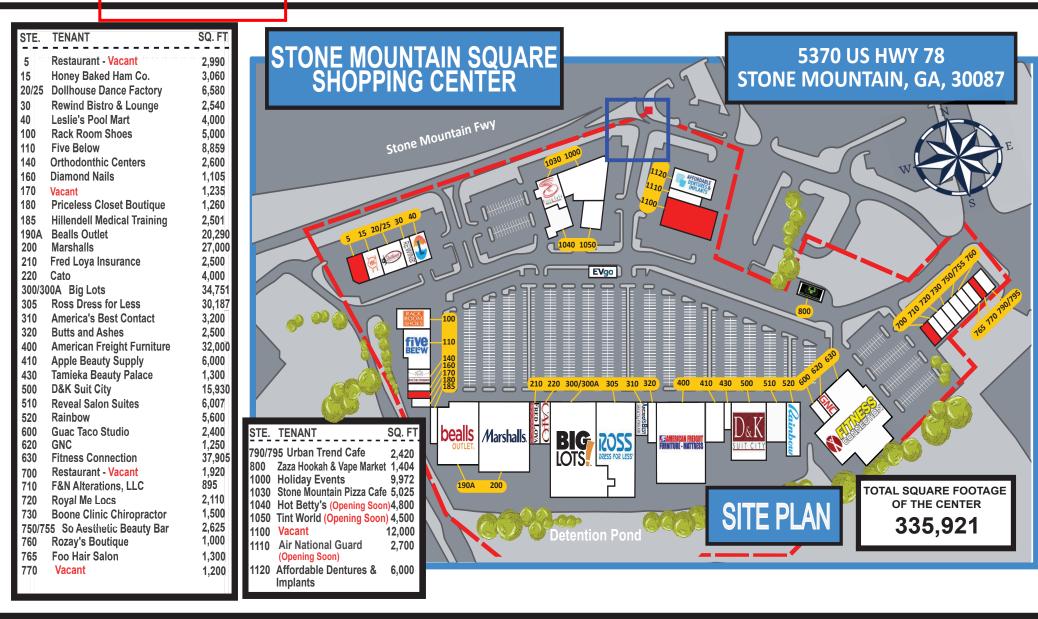
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| | Is the request necessary because the particular physical surroundings, the size, shape or topographical condition of the specific property involved result in an unnecessary hardship for the owner, lessee, or occupants; as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the provisions of Title 2 of the UDO are literally enforced? Please explain: Yes. There are 8 separate buildings in this shopping center with many tenants. |
| | Is the condition requiring the requested relief not ordinarily found in properties of the same zoning district as the subject property? Please explain: No |
| | Is the request a result of conditions created by the regulations of Title 2 of the UDO and not by an action or actions of the property owner or the applicant? Please explain: No |
| | Would granting the variance impair or injure other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the subject property is located, or impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent property, substantially increase the congestion in the public streets, increase the danger of fire, create a hazard to air navigation, endanger the public safety, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood? Please explain: No. Proposed new sign in with in the property boundary line. |
| | Is the variance requested the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structures? Please explain: Yes |
| 1. | Does the variance desired meet the general spirit and intent of Title 2 of the UDO and/or the purpose and intent of the Gwinnett County Unified Plan? Please explain: Yes |



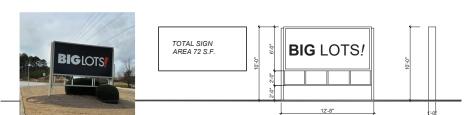
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| SITE SIGN INDEX | SIGN AREA | REMARKS |
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| US HWY 78 | 128 SQ. FT. | |
| ROCKBRIDGE RD. | 128 SQ. FT. | |
| BENTLEY DRIVE SW | 72 SQ. FT. | |
| TOTAL EXISTING | 256 SQ. FT. | |
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BUILDING INDEX AREA NO. OF TENANTS BLDG. "A" 19,241 SQ. FT. 6 BLDG. "B" 5 24,026 SQ. FT. BLDG. "C" 20,516 SQ. FT. 8 BLDG. "D" 191,774 SQ. FT. 16 BLDG. "E" 39,773 SQ. FT. 3 BLDG. "F" 20,700 SQ. FT. 3 BLDG. "G" 12 15,000 SQ. FT. BLDG. "H" 1,407 SQ. FT. 1 TOTAL 332,437 SQ. FT. 54

TOTAL SITE SQ. FOOTAGE



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PROPOSED NEW FREESTANDING GROUND SIGN

STONE MOUNTAIN SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER

5370 STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY STONE MOUNTAIN, GA. 30087

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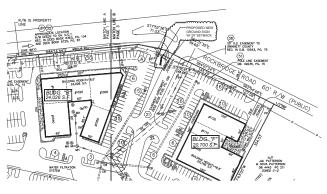
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| BLDG. "D" | 191,774 SQ. FT. | 16 |
| BLDG. "E" | 39,773 SQ. FT. | 3 |
| BLDG. "F" | 20,700 SQ. FT. | 3 |
| BLDG. "G" | 15,000 SQ. FT. | 12 |
| BLDG. "H" | 1,407 SQ. FT. | 1 |
| TOTAL | 332,437 SQ. FT. | 54 |

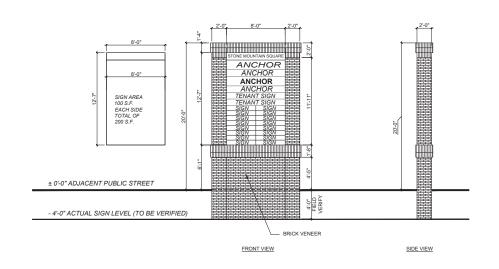
TOTAL SITE SQ. FOOTAGE OF SHOPPING CENTER



2 PROPOSED SIGN LOCATION



PROPOSED SIGN LOCATION



PROPOSED NEW SIGN - INTERSECTION OF ROCKBRIDG RD. & ROCKBRIDGE SW.

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PROPOSED NEW FREESTANDING GROUND SIGN

STONE MOUNTAIN SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER

5370 STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY STONE MOUNTAIN, GA. 30087

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PROPOSED NEW FREE STANDING SIGN

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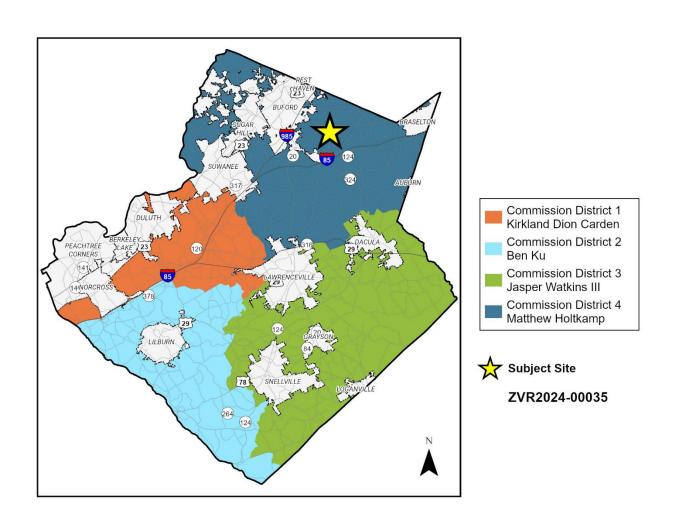
Request: Variance from maximum fence height standard

Address: 2900 Still Meadows Way

Map Number:R7180 038Site Area:1.01 acresProposed Development:FenceApplicant, Owner:Nina Marx

Contact Information: Nina Marx, 678.707.9238

Commission District: District 4 – Commissioner Holtkamp/Rumbaugh



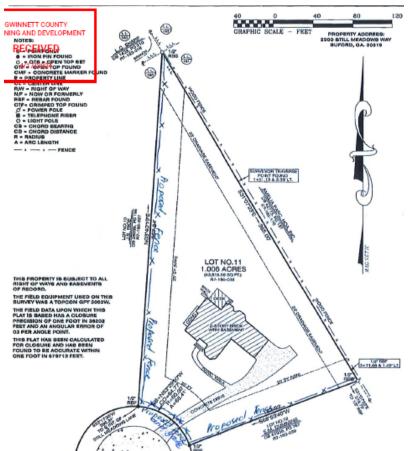
Existing Site Conditions

The subject site is a 1.01-acre property located on Still Meadows Way, west of the Amelia Park Subdivision in the Still Meadows Subdivision. The subject property is zoned R-140 (Single Family-Residence District). The property contains a two-story residence. The subject site is surrounded by single-family detached residences.



Project Summary

The applicant proposes to build a 6-foot-tall fence and gate around the property including within the front yard setback.





Variance Request

The applicant requests a variance from the following section of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to exceed the maximum allowed height for a fence in the front yard setback by 2 feet, resulting in a 6-foot-tall fence.

Section 230-80.1: Height of Fencing. No fence shall exceed 4 feet in height within a required front yard setback.

Staff Recommended Conditions

Should the Zoning Board of Appeals choose to approve the variance request, staff recommends the following conditions of approval:

- 1. The fence shall be located in general accordance with the site plan dated received April 11, 2024.
- 2. The fence shall be made of decorative aluminum or iron along the street frontage.

Exhibit: Application



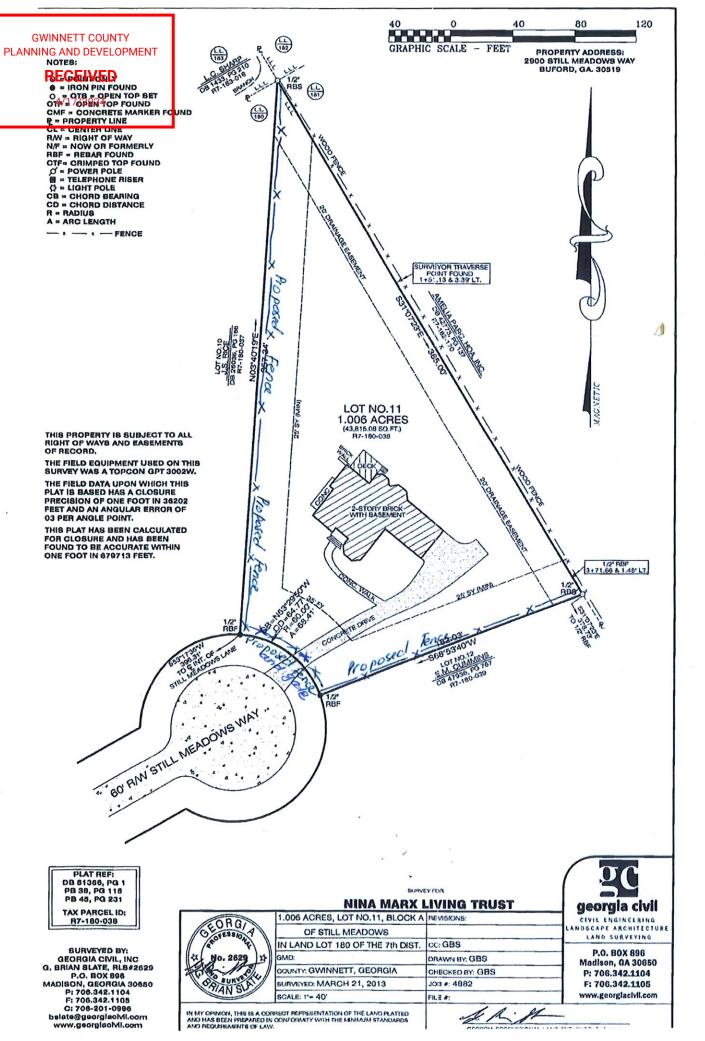
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VARIANCE APPLICATION

See the Variance Application Submittal Instructions for general information and directions related to submitting this application.

| Property Information: |
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| Property Address: 2900 Still, Meadows Way Property Parcel ID: R 7/80 038 Variance(s) Requested: Variance from the Tence Standard |
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| Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Code Section(s): 230,80./ |
| Sign Ordinance Code Section(s): |
| Applicant Information: |
| Name: Nina Marx |
| Contact Person: Nina Maex |
| Mailing Address: 2900 Still Meadows Way |
| City, State, Zip Code: Buford, GA 30519 |
| Phone Number: 678-707-9238 Email Address: nmarx@marx.com |
| Applicant is (check, if applicable): [Ⅺ Property Owner [] Owner's Agent |
| Property Owner Information (if property owner is not the applicant): |
| Name: |
| Telephone Number: Email Address: |
| Signatures: |
| Applicant Signature: Monte Ree Property Owner Signature: Monte Ree Property Owner Signature: |
| Name of Applicant: Nina Marx Name of Property Owner: Nina Marx |
| Date: 4. April 2024 Date: 4. April 2024 |



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Nina Marx

2900 Still Meadows Way, Buford, GA 30519

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Buford, April 4, 2024

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To Whom it May Concern,

We are requesting a variance for the above address to seek relief of the required front yard fence height of 4 feet to 6 feet all the way around the property, including gates. Installing a 6' fence, aluminum or iron, will serve as a crucial deterrent and barrier, preventing unauthorized access from Amelia Parc, the neighborhood behind our backyard (related case CEU2022-02838). The trespassing incidents were captured on video and shared with the Ring community, highlighting the necessity of the fence in maintaining our safety.

Sincerely,

Nina Marx

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| a. | Does the request arise from a condition that is unique and peculiar to the land, structures, and buildings |
| | involved? Please explain: This request is unique due to trespassing from |
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| b. | Is the request necessary because the particular physical surroundings, the size, shape or topographical |
| | condition of the specific property involved result in an unnecessary hardship for the owner, lessee, or |
| | occupants; as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the provisions of Title 2 of the UDO are literally |
| | enforced? Please explain: Yes, the trespassing from Amelia Pare site |
| | posed an unnesessary hardship to our lot and out |
| | neighborhood overall |
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| c. | Is the condition requiring the requested relief not ordinarily found in properties of the same zoning district as the subject property? Please explain: His my understanding, that the county |
| | the subject property? Flease explain. The fing to raise sy affecting the first has a significant to the subject property? |
| | has approved variances for similarly situated homes |
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| d. | Is the request a result of conditions created by the regulations of Title 2 of the UDO and not by an action or |
| u. | actions of the property owner or the applicant? Please explain: \(\frac{\frac{1}{1000}}{\frac{1}{1000}} \) \(\frac{1}{1000} \) \(\frac{1}{1000} \) \(\frac{1}{1000} \) \(\fra |
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| e. | Would granting the variance impair or injure other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the |
| | subject property is located, or impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent property, substantially |
| | increase the congestion in the public streets, increase the danger of fire, create a hazard to air navigation, |
| | endanger the public safety, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood? |
| | Please explain: <u>Granting the Variance would improve the</u> |
| | neighborhood in many ways, as our lot would signal to the Amelia Para trespassers to stop. |
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| f. | Is the variance requested the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structures? Please explain: |
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| g. | Does the variance desired meet the general spirit and intent of Title 2 of the UDO and/or the purpose and |
| g. | intent of the Gwinnett County Unified Plan? Please explain: |
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CASE REPORT

Case Number: ZVR2024-00036

Request: Variance from minimum lot width standard

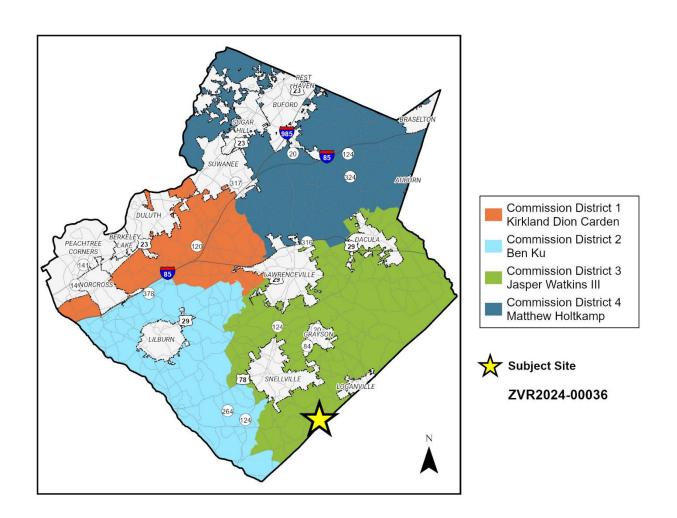
Address: 1906 Knight Circle

Map Number: R4273 019 Site Area: 4.61 acres

Proposed Development:Single-Family Subdivision (Two Lots)Applicant:Winston Simmonds c/o LJA EngineeringOwner:Excelsior Investment Holdings LLC

Contact Information: Tyler Lasser, 404.202.9321

Commission District: District 3 – Commissioner Watkins/Timler



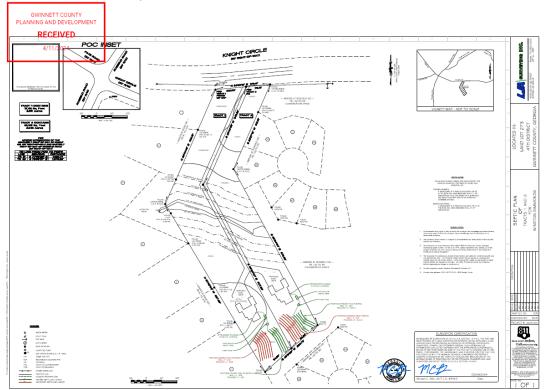
Existing Site Conditions

The subject site is a 4.61-acre property located on Knight Circle, west of its intersection with Gateview Drive. The subject property is zoned R-100 (Single Family-Residence District). The property is undeveloped. The subject site is surrounded by single-family detached residences.



Project Summary

The applicant proposes subdivide the property into two single-family lots with lot widths of 79.41 feet and 100 feet. Each lot would contain a single-family residence located in the rear of the lots, past the stream that bisects the property.





Variance Request

The applicant requests a variance from the following section of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to allow a 20.59-foot reduction in lot width on the first lot, resulting in a 79.41-foot-wide lot and a second lot that is 100 feet wide.

Section 210-120: Dimensional Standards for Base Residential Zoning Districts. R-100 minimum lot width is 100 feet.

Staff Recommended Conditions

Should the Zoning Board of Appeals choose to approve the variance request, staff recommends the following conditions of approval:

1. The site shall be developed in general accordance with the site plan dated received April 11, 2024.

Exhibit: Application



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VARIANCE APPLICATION

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| Property Information: |
| Property Address: 1906 Knight Circle Property Parcel ID: 4273 019 |
| Variance(s) Requested: Reduce lot width for one parcel (tract 2) |
| Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Code Section(s): Section 210-120 |
| Sign Ordinance Code Section(s): N/A |
| Applicant Information: |
| Name: Winston Simmonds c/o LJA Engineering |
| Contact Person: Tyler Lasser |
| Mailing Address: 299 S. Main Street |
| City, State, Zip Code: Alpharetta, GA 30009 |
| Phone Number: 470.202.9321 Email Address: tlasser@lja.com |
| Applicant is (check, if applicable): [] Property Owner [] Owner's Agent |
| Property Owner Information (if property owner is not the applicant): |
| Name: EXCELSIOR INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LLC |
| Telephone Number: 470.202.9321 Email Address: tlasser@lja.com |
| Signatures: |
| Name of Applicant: WINSTON SIMMONDS Name of Property Owner: WINSTON SIMMONDS |
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| a. | Does the request arise from a condition that is unique and peculiar to the land, structures, and buildings involved? Please explain: Yes, this is a unique property with site constraints including streams, and a unique shape. As a result, there are limited options for development on the site. | |
| b. | Is the request necessary because the particular physical surroundings, the size, shape or topographical condition of the specific property involved result in an unnecessary hardship for the owner, lessee, or occupants; as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the provisions of Title 2 of the UDO are literally enforced? Please explain: Yes, although the site widens to meet and exceed the lot width requirement of the zoning district, it is more narrow at the road frontage. Because of this and the stream, options for development are limited. | |
| C. | Is the condition requiring the requested relief not ordinarily found in properties of the same zoning district as the subject property? Please explain: Yes, this is a unique property with site constraints. Further, it is too large to only be utilized for one single-family home. | |
| d. | Is the request a result of conditions created by the regulations of Title 2 of the UDO and not by an action or actions of the property owner or the applicant? Please explain: Yes, the requirement for lot width is required at the front setback. The widens significantly, but does not meet the requirement only 50 feet back. | |
| e. | Would granting the variance impair or injure other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the subject property is located, or impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent property, substantially increase the congestion in the public streets, increase the danger of fire, create a hazard to air navigation, endanger the public safety, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood? Please explain: The variance will have no impact on the surrounding area. This will not result in an increase in allowed density or land use change. | |
| f. | Is the variance requested the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structures? Please explain: Yes, this is the minimum variance necessary. Only one lot will require a variance, while the other lot will meet the lot width requirement. | |
| g. | Does the variance desired meet the general spirit and intent of Title 2 of the UDO and/or the purpose and intent of the Gwinnett County Unified Plan? Please explain: Yes, this will allow for two new single family homes without impacting density or the land use. | |
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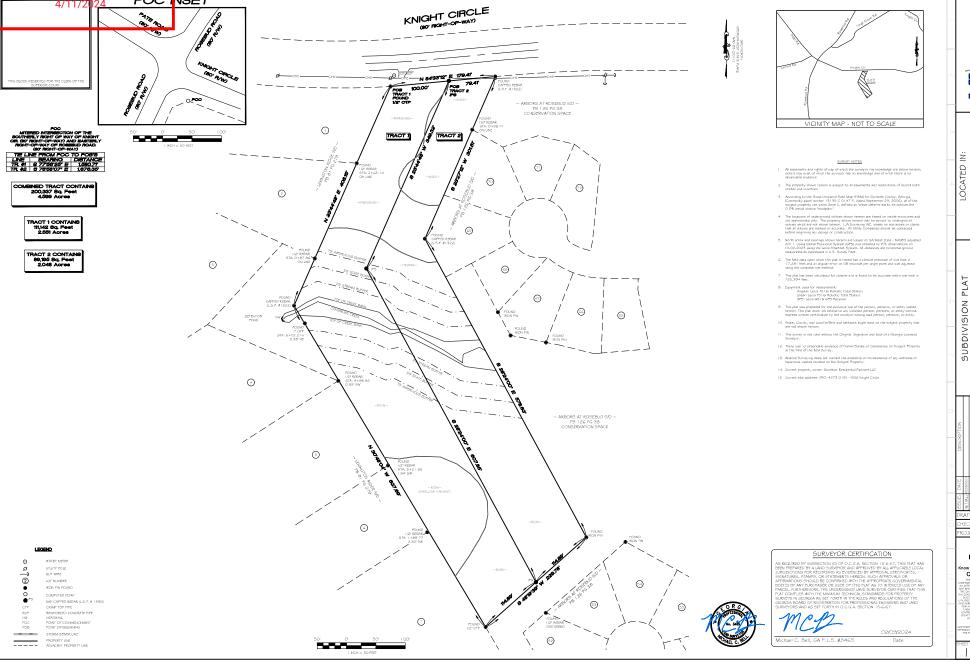
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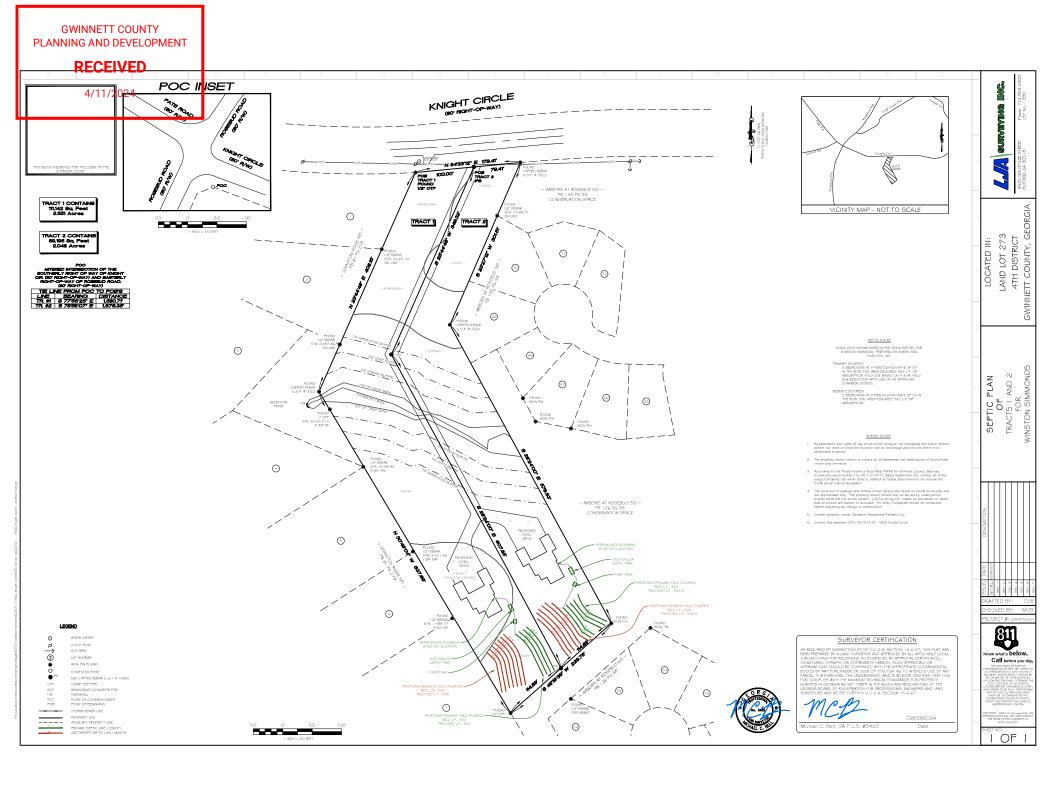
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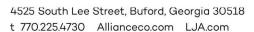
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Applicant's Letter of Intent

1906 Knight Circle Lot Width Reduction Variance from Section 210-120

The Applicant, Winston Simmonds, requests a variance from the Unified Development Ordinance to subdivide their property for two new single-family dwellings. The approximately 4.6-acre site is located on the south side of Knight Circle, between the Lexington Ridge and the Arbors at Rosebud subdivisions. The site has approximately 179.41 feet of road frontage and increases to approximately 230 feet of width at the rear of the site. A creek runs through the center of the site, which includes required County and State buffers. As an R-100 zoned property, each lot is required to have a minimum of 100 feet of width at the front building setback; in this case 50 feet from the Knight Circle Right of Way.

As proposed, the Applicant intends to split the property into two lots, as shown on the submitted plan and develop two new single-family dwellings. Both homes will be located on the south side of the creek and will be accessed by a shared drive with access from Knight Circle. To divide the property, a variance is required to allow one of the lots (Tract 2) to have a width of less than 100 feet at the front building setback line. As proposed the tract 2 will have a width of approximately 79.41 feet at the front setback line but will widen to beyond 100 feet further back in the property and will far exceed the minimum lot size for an R-100 property. Tract 1 will maintain the 100 feet at the front setback and does not require a variance. Overall, the variance will allow the Applicant to maintain the property as road lots and will not impact the density of the development, or residential character of the area.

The applicant looks forward to meeting with staff as well as the community to address all questions and concerns and is excited to provide exceptional homes in a highly desirable section of Gwinnett County. Please refer to the attached documents for additional details regarding the layout of the proposed single-family detached dwellings.

Based upon the above reasons, the applicant feels that this is a reasonable request and that action contradictory to the zoning request will constitute a taking of property in violation of the Just Compensation Clause of the Fifth Amendment and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and Article 1, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of Georgia, denying the owner viable use of its land.

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